

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 9, with the following paragraph:

--Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 shows a stylized sectional view of a gas bag restraining device according to the invention, with a deployed gas bag,

Fig. 2 shows a sectional view of the restraining device as shown in Fig. 1 with the cover not opened,

Figs. 3a to 3g show sectional views in the region of the central hole in the cover according to seven ~~six~~ different embodiments, and

Fig. 4 shows a top view of a module cover according to a further embodiment.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1, with the following two paragraphs:

--Fig. 4 represents an embodiment in which the module cover 9 consists of two opposing flap portions 52, 53, which in the region of a parting joint 55 are connected with each other by a tongue-and-groove joint 57, as can be seen in a section in the enlarged representation of the area framed with X. The two opposing flap portions 52, 53

swiveling towards outside are in sections positively attached to the cap 41, which bears an emblem "AB", and on the other hand are directly fixed in position to each other via the tongue-and-groove joint. In broken lines, the outer edges of the flap portions 52, 53 are represented, which form the swivel axes 58 of the flap portions 52, 53. When the ~~said~~ module cover 9 is opened, the tongue-and-groove joint is torn ~~teared~~ open (without destruction of the module cover 9) or, generally opened, starting from the edge under the cap 51 and running outwards.

From the above description of the invention,  
those skilled in the art will perceive improvements,  
changes, and modifications in the invention. Such  
improvements, changes, and modifications within the  
skill of the art are intended to be encompassed by  
the appended claims.--